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SUB-REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY BETWEEN EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN STATES (LUSAKA-BASED MULPOC)

(Progress report)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The fifth Meeting of the Committee of Oficials of the Lusaka-based MULPOC for Eerstern and Southern African States was held in Lusaka, Republic of Zambia on 17-22 March 1982.

2. The meeting considered the Progress Report on the implementation of the approved work programme and priorities for 1981 which deals, inter-alia , with natural ressources, on the establishement of an Inter-governemental subregional commitee on Energy for the Lusaka-based MULPOC , a representative of the secretariat informed the meeting that action had been delayed for reasons beyond the control of the secretariat.

3. The Commitee of Officials recommended the sectoral subregional meeting in the fields of hydrocarbons, solid fuels, new and renewable energy resources and electric energy be convened so that, among other things, problems are clearly defined, action programmes established; and modalities for establishing the Inter-governmental subregional commitee on Energy proposed; and the sectoral meeting be followed by a meeting of an inter-governmental committee comprised of experts from the various energy sectors to review and harmonize the proposals made by the various energy sectors regarding the proposed inter-governmental subregional committee on Energy. The ECA Secretariat was requested to provide all the necessary support for these activities.

4. In 1983 the ECA-MULPOC has informed all member-States of the action to undertake for establishement of these Inter-governmental subregional commitee on Energy but the ECA-MULPOC has not received in return any proposal for the venue of the meetings of the said specialized Committies.

5. However, the ECA-secretariat is still ready to help in the establishement of specialized Committies and in the definition of their work-programme.

II. SPECIALIZED COMMISSIONS OF THE PERMANENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ENERGY FOR EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN STATES

6. The Commissions could be composed of MULPOC members-States experts that will meet any time when it is necessary to study problems in the field. Their activities could be completed by missions of highly qualified consultants provided by bilateral or multilateral assistance.

7. The Lusaka-MULPOC would prepare and organise the meetings of the specialized Committies and implement the decisions taken at the sub-regional level.

8. ECA secretariat has proposed a draft provisional agenda for each specialized committee:

-1. Opening of the meeting;
-2. Election of the Bureau
-3. Adoption of the agenda and organisation of work
-4. Consideration of specialised Committee basic document on:
"Statement, tendency and perspectives of development":
- electric energy;
- new and renewable energy resources;
- solid fuels;
- hydrocarbons.
-5. Establishement of the Intergovernmental Comittee's work programme and priorities in the energy field
- electric energy;
- new and renewable energy resources;
- solid fuels;
- hydrocarbons.
-6. Suggestions and recommendations on the structure of the Inter-governmental subregional committee:
- electric energy;
- new and renewable energy resources;
- solid fuels;
- hydrocarbons.
-7. Any other matters;
-8. Closing of the meeting;

9. During 1984 ECA secretariat will have, in collaboration with the LUSAKA-MULPOC, to study possibilities to convene specialized Committee Meetings.